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ATWOOD OCEANICS INC Form 8-K May 22, 2017

**UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 19, 2017 (February 15, 2017) ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 1-13167 74-1611874

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

15011 Katy Freeway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77094 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 749-7800

N/A

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- "Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This current report on Form 8-K/A (the "Amendment") amends the current report on Form 8-K filed by Atwood Oceanics, Inc. (the "Company") with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 16, 2017 (the "Original Form 8-K"). The Original Form 8-K reported the final voting results of the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on February 15, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Meeting"). The sole purpose of this Amendment is to disclose the Company's decision regarding how frequently it will conduct future shareholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("Say on Pay"). No other changes have been made to the Original Form 8-K.

## Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

(d) As previously reported in the Original Form 8-K, in a non-binding advisory vote on the frequency of future Say on Pay votes held at the 2017 Annual Meeting, 47,645,107 shares voted for annual votes, 208,109 shares voted for votes every two years, 708,686 voted for votes every three years, 130,700 shares abstained and there were 9,522,584 broker non-votes. The Company has considered the outcome of this advisory vote and has determined, as was recommended with respect to this proposal by the Company's board of directors in the proxy statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting, that the Company will hold future Say on Pay votes on an annual basis until the occurrence of the next advisory vote on the frequency of Say on Pay votes. The next advisory vote regarding the frequency of say on pay votes is required to occur no later than the Company's 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 19, 2017

/s/ Walter A. Baker Walter A. Baker

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary